

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

PROCEEDINGS OF NOVEMBER 12, 2020

COURTNEY RAE HUDSON, JUSTICE

[CR-19-732](#). Gregory J. Martin v. State of Arkansas, from Miller County Circuit Court. Petitioner's pro se motion for belated appeal granted; in forma pauperis status granted; writ of certiorari to be filed within fourteen days.

ROBIN F. WYNNE, JUSTICE

[CR-19-176](#). Ronnie Flow v. State of Arkansas, from Columbia County Circuit Court. Affirmed.

SHAWN A. WOMACK, JUSTICE

[CR-20-249](#). Michael Collins v. State of Arkansas, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Fourth Division. Affirmed; remanded to correct the sentencing order. Hart, J., concurs.

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PER CURIAM ORDERS

CR-19-762. Randy William Gay v. State of Arkansas, from Garland County Circuit Court. Appellee's motion to reschedule oral argument is granted. Special Justice Tim Snively agrees. Hart, J., would deny. Wood, J., not participating. (Proceedings of November 5, 2020)

CV-20-624. Michael John Gray, in His Official Capacity as Chairman of the Democratic Party of Arkansas; and Nicole Hart, in Her Official Capacity as Chair of the Democratic Party of Arkansas's Nominating Convention for House District 12 v. Doyle Webb, on Behalf of the Republican Party of Arkansas; David Tollett, a Resident, Qualified Elector, and the Republican Party Nominee for Arkansas House District 12; Jimmie L. Wilson; Phillips County Board of Election Commissioners; Lincoln County Board of Election Commissioners; Desha County Board of Election Commissioners; Arkansas County Board of Election Commissioners; Loretta Jarrett, in Her Official Capacity as Secretary of the Democratic Party of Arkansas's Nominating Convention for House District 12; and John Thurston, in His Official Capacity as Secretary of State for the State of Arkansas, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Seventeenth Division. Appellees' motion to expedite briefing is granted. (Proceedings of November 6, 2020)

CV-20-631. David Pruitt, Individually and as Alderman-Elect of Ward 1, Position 2 of Beebe, Arkansas v. Jake Smith, Derrek Goff, Mike Robertson, Linda Anthony, Tracy Lightfoot, Lee McLane, and Carla Barnett, in Her Official Capacity as Clerk of White County, Arkansas, from White County Circuit Court. Appellant's motion for accelerated proceedings and expedited briefing schedule is granted. (Proceedings of November 6, 2020)

CV-20-639. Andrew Kimbrell v. John Thurston, in His Official Capacity as Secretary of State for the State of Arkansas, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Ninth Division. Appellant's motion to expedite is granted. (Proceedings of November 10, 2020)

In Re Retirement of Circuit Judges. See [per curiam](#) this date.

Upon their upcoming retirements, the Supreme Court of Arkansas salutes the following circuit judges for their many years of service and for their many contributions to the betterment of the judicial system. Recognizing their accomplishments and applauding their efforts, the court extends its best wishes for active and fulfilling futures.

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In Re Retirement of Justice Josephine Linker Hart. See [per curiam](#) this date.

Upon her retirement from the Supreme Court of Arkansas after eight years of dedicated service as an associate justice, the court recognizes and expresses its appreciation to Justice Josephine Linker Hart.

Justice Hart has devoted her life to public service. After graduating from Arkansas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1965, she joined the United States Army where she was stationed at Army headquarters in Japan during the Vietnam War and was promoted to Captain. In 1969, Justice Hart joined the Army Reserve and started law school at the University of Arkansas. After graduating from law school in 1971, Justice Hart clerked for Arkansas Supreme Court Associate Justice Frank Holt. Following her clerkship, Justice Hart maintained a thriving law practice in Batesville and Mountain View for more than twenty years where she was an advocate for countless Arkansans dealing with legal issues. She also retired from the Army Reserve as a Colonel in the Judge Advocate General Corps with more than twenty years of military service.

Justice Hart was elected to the Arkansas Court of Appeals in 1998 and served that court until her election to this court in 2012. She has dedicated her time on the appellate bench to the protection of the Arkansas Constitution and the rights of the poor and those who are incarcerated in our state penitentiary. As a member of the supreme court, Justice Hart was instrumental in establishing an Attorney Emeritus status for attorneys licensed to practice law for at least fifty years. She also served as liaison to the Supreme Court Committee on Civil Practice, the Committee on Criminal Practice, and the Committee on Model Jury Instructions–Criminal.

On behalf of the people of the State of Arkansas, we thank Justice Hart for her many years of public service.

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